

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 AID-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
INFO AMCONSUL LAHORE  
AMCONSUL KARACHI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:BDIS, EINV, EAID, PK

SUBJECT: PROBLEMS IN DEVELOPMENT OF MARI GAS FIELD

REF: ISLAMABAD 6806

1. DEPTOFF SPOKE WITH ESSO EASTERN IN HOUSTON JULY 28  
REGARDING REPORTED PROBLEMS IN SALE OF ESSO'S MARKETING  
AND REFINING FACILITIES IN PAKISTAN (REFTEL). ESSO EASTERN  
UNDERSTANDS THAT PROPOSED SALE HAD BEEN DEFINITELY  
REJECTED BY ECC ABOUT JULY 22, RATHER THAN MIRZA'S VERSION  
THAT "THERE WAS STILL SOME HOMEWORK TO BE DONE." ESSO  
EASTERN SAID THAT ONLY FINALIZING OF MINUTES OF ECC MEETING  
REMAINS BEFORE FORMAL REJECTION OF ESSO OFFER. ESSO  
EASTERN IS CURRENTLY DELIBERATING ON RESPONSE TO ITS  
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PAKISTAN OFFICIALS, BUT EXPECTS SEND CABLE SOON TO DELINEATE

NEXT STEPS--PROBABLY, REQUEST TO APPEAL ECC DECISION TO PM  
BHUTTO BEFORE MEETING MINUTES ARE RELEASED. SUCH AN  
APPROACH WOULD AGAIN CENTER ON VEILED THREAT NOT TO PROCEED  
WITH MARI DEVELOPMENT UNLESS SALE CONSUMATED.

2. APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE RE  
STATUS OF SALE PROPOSAL. BELIEVE FORMAL APPROACH TO GOP MAY  
BE PREMATURE AT PRESENT, AT LEAST PENDING ESSO REQUEST  
FOR ASSISTANCE. INGERSOLL

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